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SUBJECT: DEMARCHES DELIVERED ON FANTA AND SAUCES

REF: A) SECSTATE 111070 B) SECSTATE 111092

[1](#)1. (U) This is an Action Request, (Para 3).

[1](#)2. (U) On May 5, Pol/Econoff delivered reftel demarches on Fanta and Sauces to Yemen Customs Chairman Hafez F. Mayiad. Mayiad told pol/econoff that he would support the USG position on Fanta Beverage Base (REF A) at the upcoming Harmonized System Committee meetings in Brussels. However, he has yet to take a position on the classification of Sauces (REF B). Mayiad explained that his agency must examine the effect of this issue on Yemeni farmers who produce and export a wide variety of processed vegetables and sauces. After consulting with the Ministry of Finance, he will give us the ROYG decision.

[1](#)3. (U) Action Request: Please provide Arabic translations of the demarches as soon as possible to pol/econoff Jill Hutchings via email, HutchingsJe@state.gov. End Action Request.
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